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Dear Respondent:

This issue of the Idaho Crop and Livestock Producers' News covers the results of the September 1 Milk Production Report. Total production and number of cows are reported for selected states and the U.S.

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Sincerely,

Vince Matthews
Director

Idaho Milk Production Down 2.7 Percent

Idaho milk production during August 2009 totaled 1.06 billion pounds, a 2.7 percent decrease from the same month last year, but up slightly from July 2009. July 2009 milk production was revised to 1.06 billion pounds, up 10 million pounds from the preliminary level. Average milk production per cow in August 2009 was 1,940 pounds, down 30 pounds from August 2008. The average number of milk cows during August was 548,000 head, down 2,000 head from the revised July 2009 and down 7,000 head from August 2008.

Milk production in the 23 major States during August totaled 14.6 billion pounds, down 0.2 percent from August 2008. July revised production at 14.8 billion pounds, was down slightly from July 2008. The July revision represented a decrease of 13 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production

estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,743 pounds for August, 25 pounds above August 2008. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.37 million head, 143,000 head less than August 2008, and 28,000 head less than July 2009.

Milk Cows and Production: by Month, Idaho, 2008-2009

Month	Milk Cows ^{1/}		Milk Per Cow ^{2/}		Milk Production ^{2/}		Change From 2008
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
January	534	554	1,870	1,810	999	1,003	0.4
February ^{3/}	537	549	1,750	1,640	940	900	-4.3
March	540	550	1,885	1,840	1,018	1,012	-0.6
April	543	551	1,850	1,800	1,005	992	-1.3
May	550	553	1,930	1,910	1,062	1,056	-0.6
June	551	549	1,900	1,880	1,047	1,032	-1.4
July*	556	550	1,960	1,930	1,090	1,062	-2.6
August	555	548	1,970	1,940	1,093	1,063	-2.7
September	554		1,870		1,036		
October	554		1,870		1,036		
November	554		1,770		981		
December	554		1,820		1,008		
Annual	549		22,432		12,315		

*Revised 1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves. 3/ 2008 Leap Year

Milk Production, Average Number of Cows, Selected States, August 2008-2009

State	Milk Cows ^{1/}		Milk Per Cow ^{2/}		Milk Production ^{2/}		Change From 2008
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	185	171	1,755	1,760	325	301	-7.4
California	1,846	1,782	1,840	1,820	3,397	3,243	-4.5
Colorado	130	123	1,930	1,980	251	244	-2.8
Florida	120	114	1,240	1,320	149	150	0.7
Idaho	555	548	1,970	1,940	1,093	1,063	-2.7
Illinois	102	102	1,455	1,530	148	156	5.4
Indiana	166	167	1,605	1,670	266	279	4.9
Iowa	215	215	1,660	1,700	357	366	2.5
Kansas	117	116	1,710	1,725	200	200	
Michigan	352	357	1,860	1,920	655	685	4.6
Minnesota	465	469	1,565	1,620	728	760	4.4
Missouri	112	106	1,110	1,180	124	125	0.8
New Mexico	337	320	1,920	2,000	647	640	-1.1
New York	626	618	1,690	1,715	1,058	1,060	0.2
Ohio	280	278	1,520	1,570	426	436	2.3
Oregon	115	114	1,645	1,665	189	190	0.5
Pennsylvania	548	545	1,590	1,610	871	877	0.7
Texas	425	420	1,605	1,680	682	706	3.5
Utah	85	83	1,810	1,835	154	152	-1.3
Vermont	140	135	1,535	1,520	215	205	-4.7
Virginia	97	96	1,410	1,460	137	140	2.2
Washington	245	236	1,990	2,005	488	473	-3.1
Wisconsin	1,252	1,257	1,650	1,705	2,066	2,143	3.7
23 State Total	8,515	8,372	1,718	1,743	14,626	14,594	-0.2

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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